

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The application is currently subject to a restriction requirement between the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-19 and 28 drawing to expansion device

Group II: Claims 20-27 drawn to an expandable bone nail.

Applicant hereby elects Group I with traverse. The basis of traversal is the burden of searching and examining all the claims together is not seen to be undue. Also, the action indicates that claim 27 is part of group II. However, because claim 27 depends from claim 1, it appears that claim 27 should have been classified in group I. Accordingly the elected claims are seen to be claims 1-19 and 27-28.

If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by phone or otherwise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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